



# lipase

 [ lah-y-peys, lip-eyz ] [SHOW IPA](#)

*noun* *Biochemistry.*

- 1 any of a class of enzymes that break down fats, produced by the liver, pancreas, and other digestive organs or by certain plants.

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any messy substance, especially of a semiliquid consistency.

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a mixture of nuts, raisins, dried fruits, seeds, or the like eaten as a high-energy snack, as by hikers and climbers.

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## ORIGIN OF LIPASE

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## BRITISH DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS FOR LIPASE

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 / (ˈlɪpeɪs, ˈlɪpeɪs) /
*noun*

- any of a group of fat-digesting enzymes produced in the stomach, pancreas, and liver and also occurring widely in the seeds of plants

## WORD ORIGIN FOR LIPASE

C19: from Greek *lipos* fat + *-ase*

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## MEDICAL DEFINITIONS FOR LIPASE

# lipase

 [ ˈlɪpˈæs, ˈlɪˈpās ]
*n.*

Any of a group of lipolytic enzymes that cleave a fatty acid residue from the glycerol residue in a neutral fat

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SCIENTIFIC DEFINITIONS FOR LIPASE

# lipase

 [lĭp'ās', lĭ'pās'] 

Any of various enzymes that catalyze the hydrolysis of fats, especially triglycerides and phospholipids, into glycerol and fatty acids.

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